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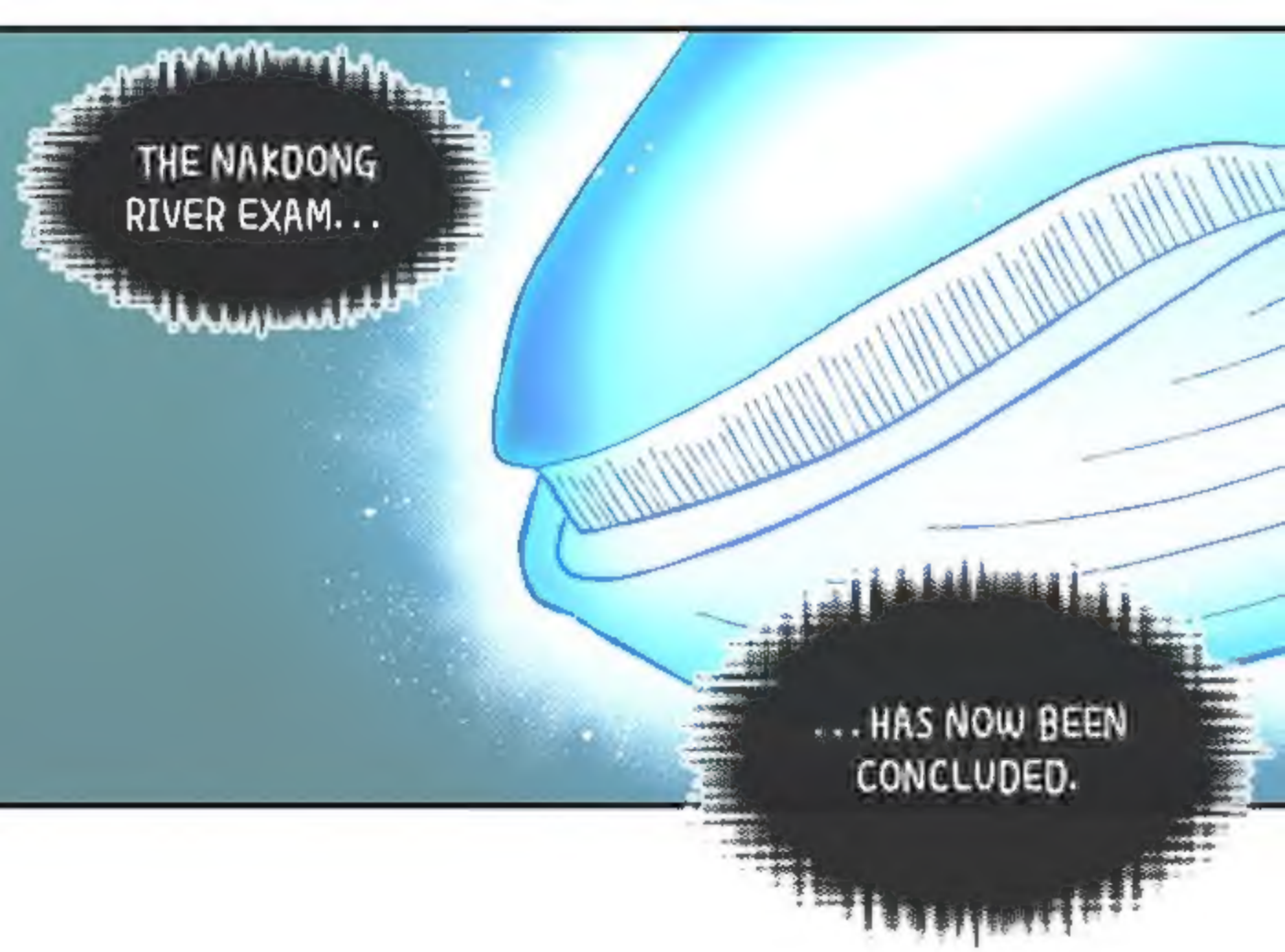
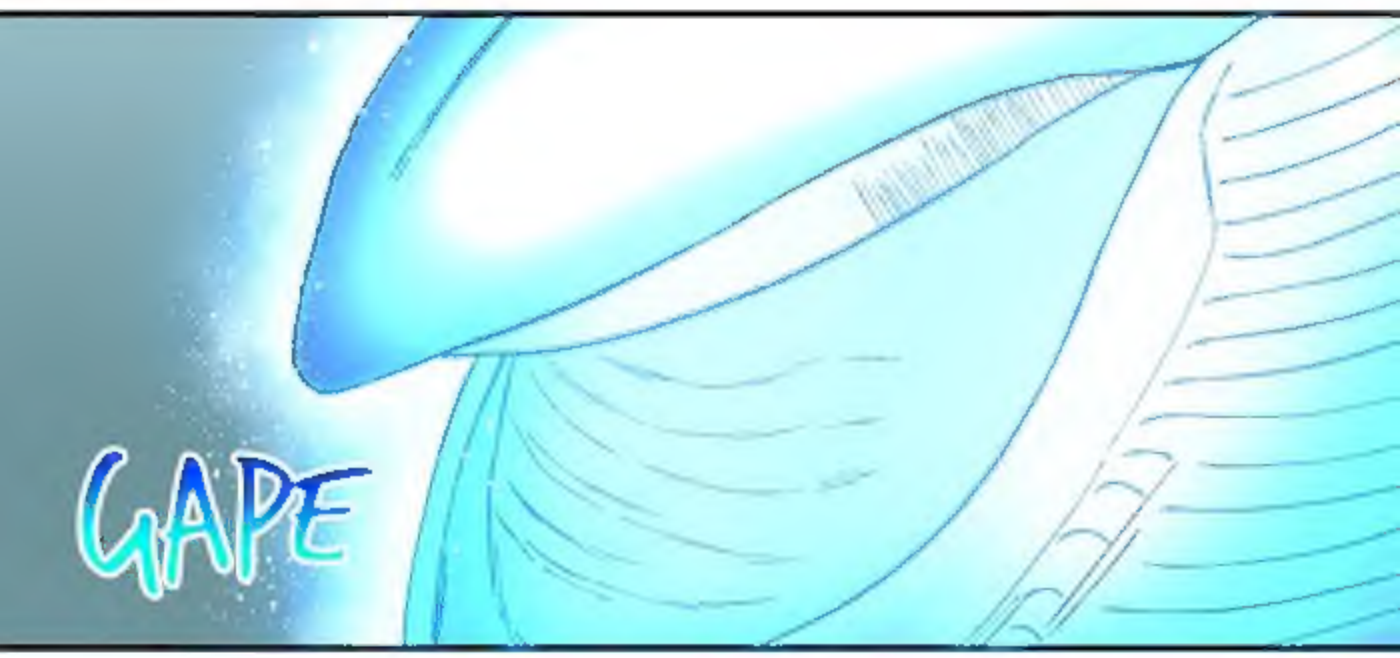

THE NAKDONG RIVER EXAM...
...HAS NOW BEEN CONCLUDED.

THE FINALIST, BARI OF MOUNT BAEKUN,
WILL NOW BE TAKEN TO THE SOUTHERN DRAGON PALACE.
T-TAKEN?

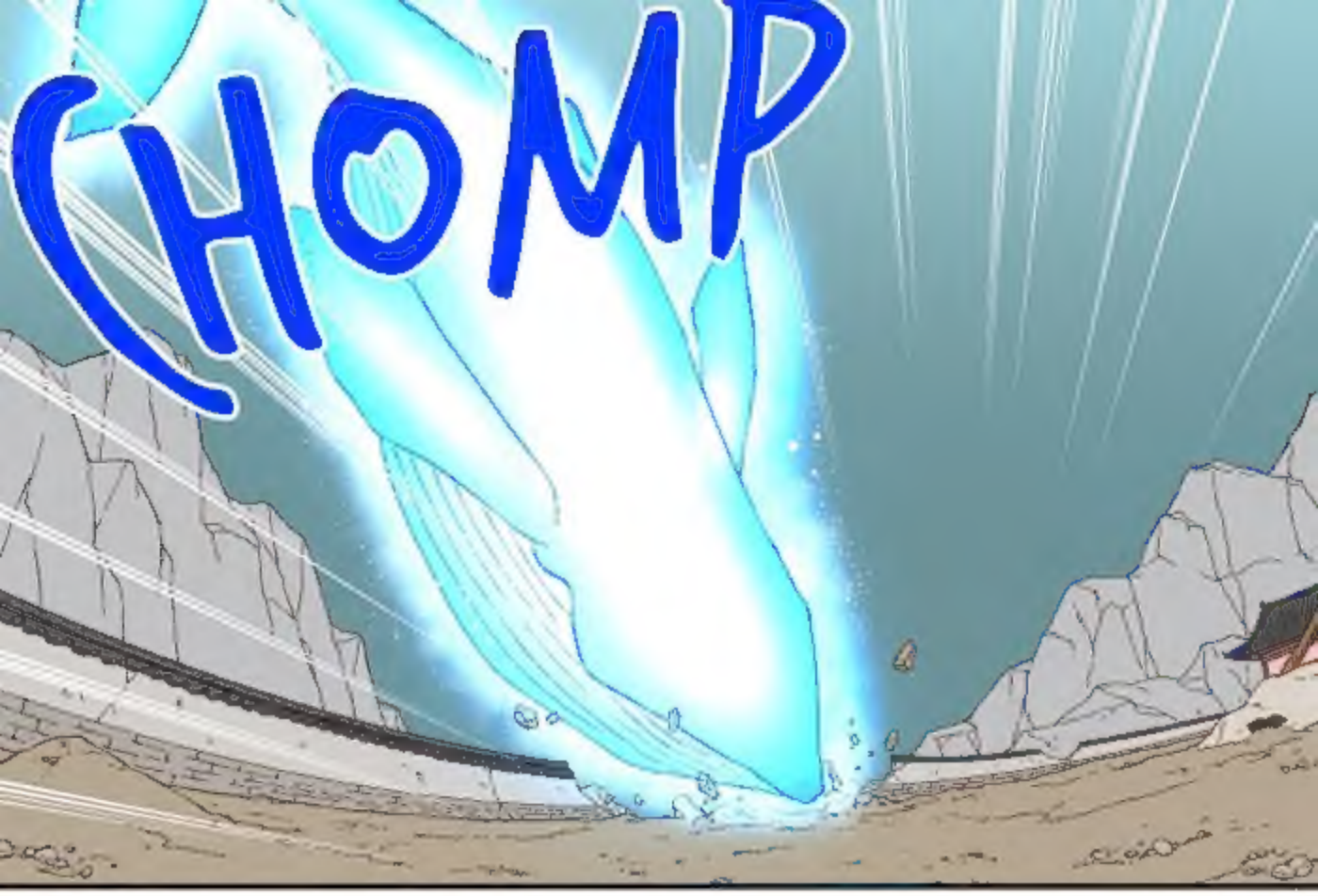
HOW...?


GAPE

HUH...?
NO WAY...

ROAR

AAAAH!!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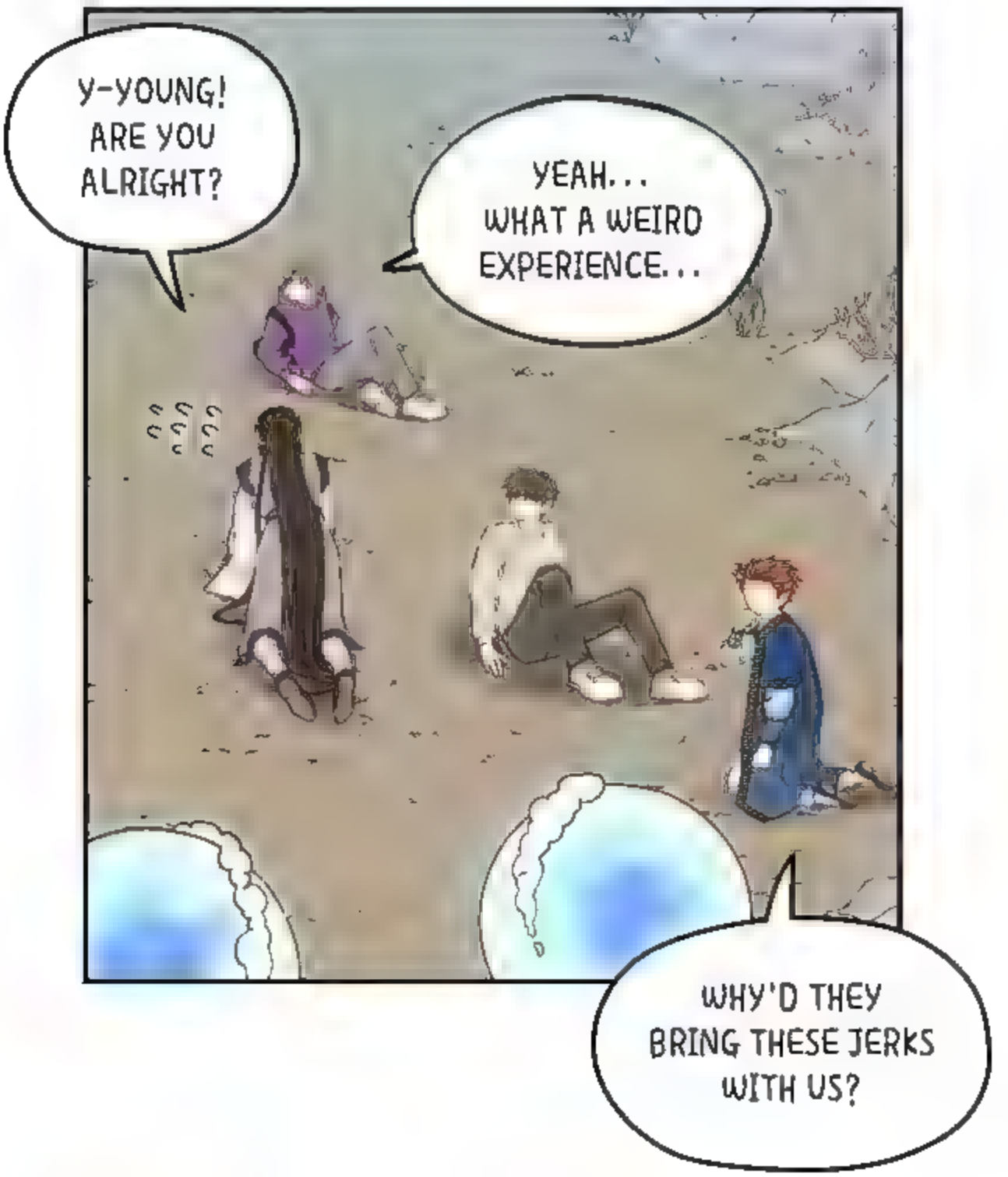
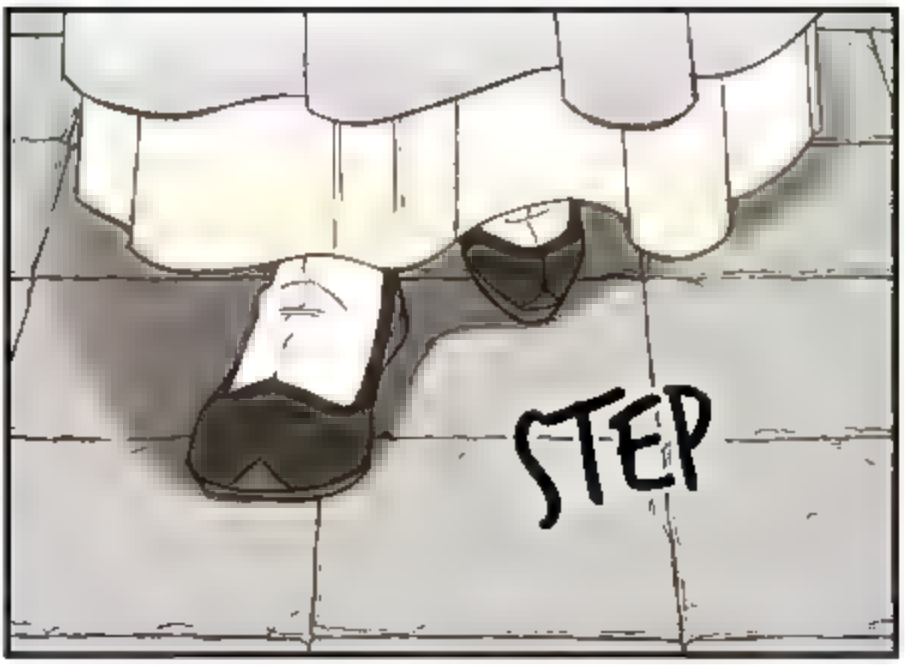
OPEN

TUMBLE
OW...!


Y-YOUNG! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YEAH... WHAT A WEIRD EXPERIENCE...
WHY'D THEY BRING THESE JERKS WITH US?

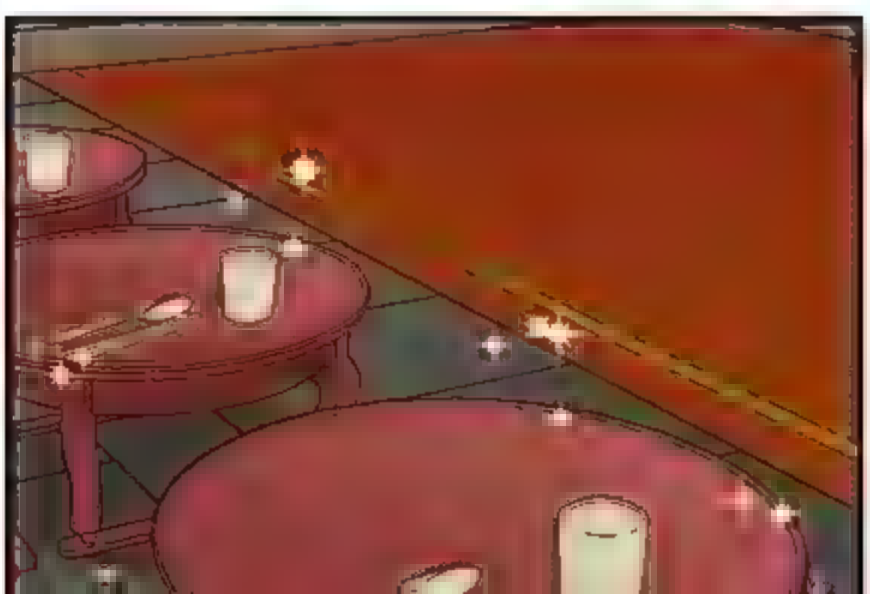
IS THIS...
...THE SOUTHERN DRAGON PALACE...?

IT'S SO GLOOMY...
YOU'RE RIGHT...
WHY'D THEY BRING US HERE, ANYWAY?
CAN'T THEY JUST ANNOUNCE THAT BARI PASSED VIA HOLOGRAM LIKE THEY DID EARLIER?
ARE THEY GOING TO HOLD A CEREMONY OR SOMETHING


STEP

FINALIST AND HIS COMPANIONS.
WELCOME TO THE SOUTHERN DRAGON PALACE.

PLEASE ENTER.
THE DRAGON KING HAS ARRANGED FOR YOUR RECEPTION.



WOW...
WHAT AN EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME...
WHOA

WHAT'S WITH THE PARTY?
IT'S NOT LIKE THE DRAGON KING EVEN WANTED TO OVERSEE THE EXAM. ISN'T THIS A LITTLE OVERBOARD?
RIGHT? IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE SOMETHING THAT SOMEONE WHO'S SUPPOSED TO BE CRUEL WOULD DO...

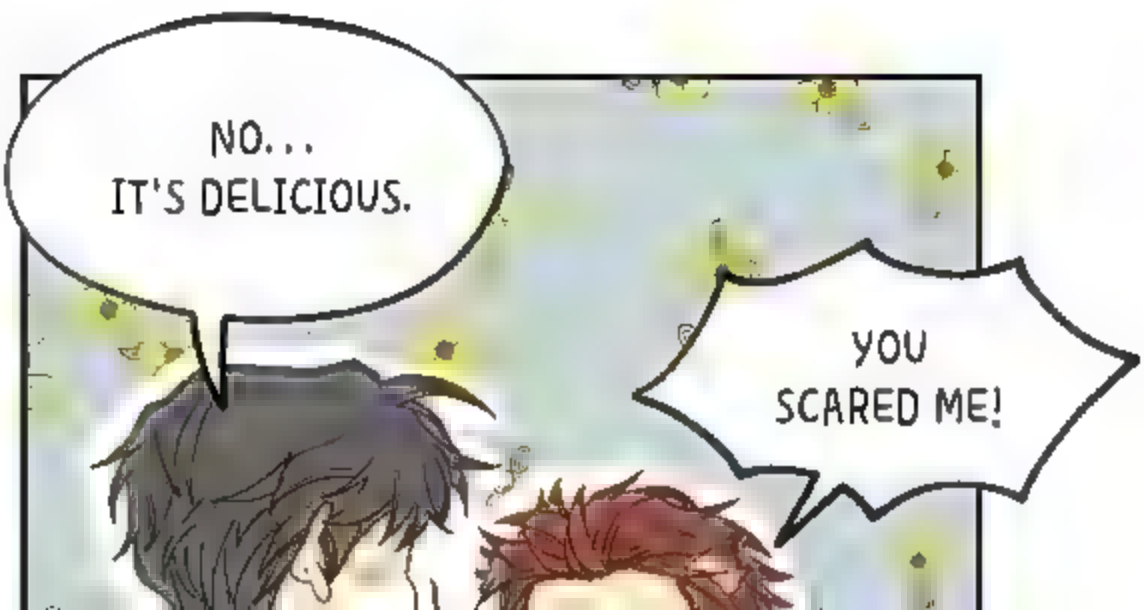
DO YOU

THINK THEY'D LET US BRING IN THE OTHERS FROM OUTSIDE AND EAT WITH THEM?
I FEEL BAD EATING WITHOUT THEM
WAIT, THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE HERE...

AH...
EXCUSE ME.

CONGRATULATIONS, LORD BARI.
THANK YOU.
PLEASE EAT. THE DRAGON KING WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY.

GASP...
W-WHAT'S WRONG?
IS THERE POISON IN THE FOOD OR SOMETHING?


NO... IT'S DELICIOUS.
YOU SCARED ME!

IT'S BETTER THAN THE FOOD WE HAD IN THE EASTERN SEA.

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THE ATMOSPHERE HERE ISN'T THE ONLY THING DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS PLACE.

THE SERVANTS' CLOTHES ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE EASTERN DRAGON PALACE.

IT'S EXCESSIVE, IS WHAT IT IS.
EXCESSIVE?
THOSE ARE THE CLOTHES THAT CHEONRYONG'S SERVANTS WEAR.

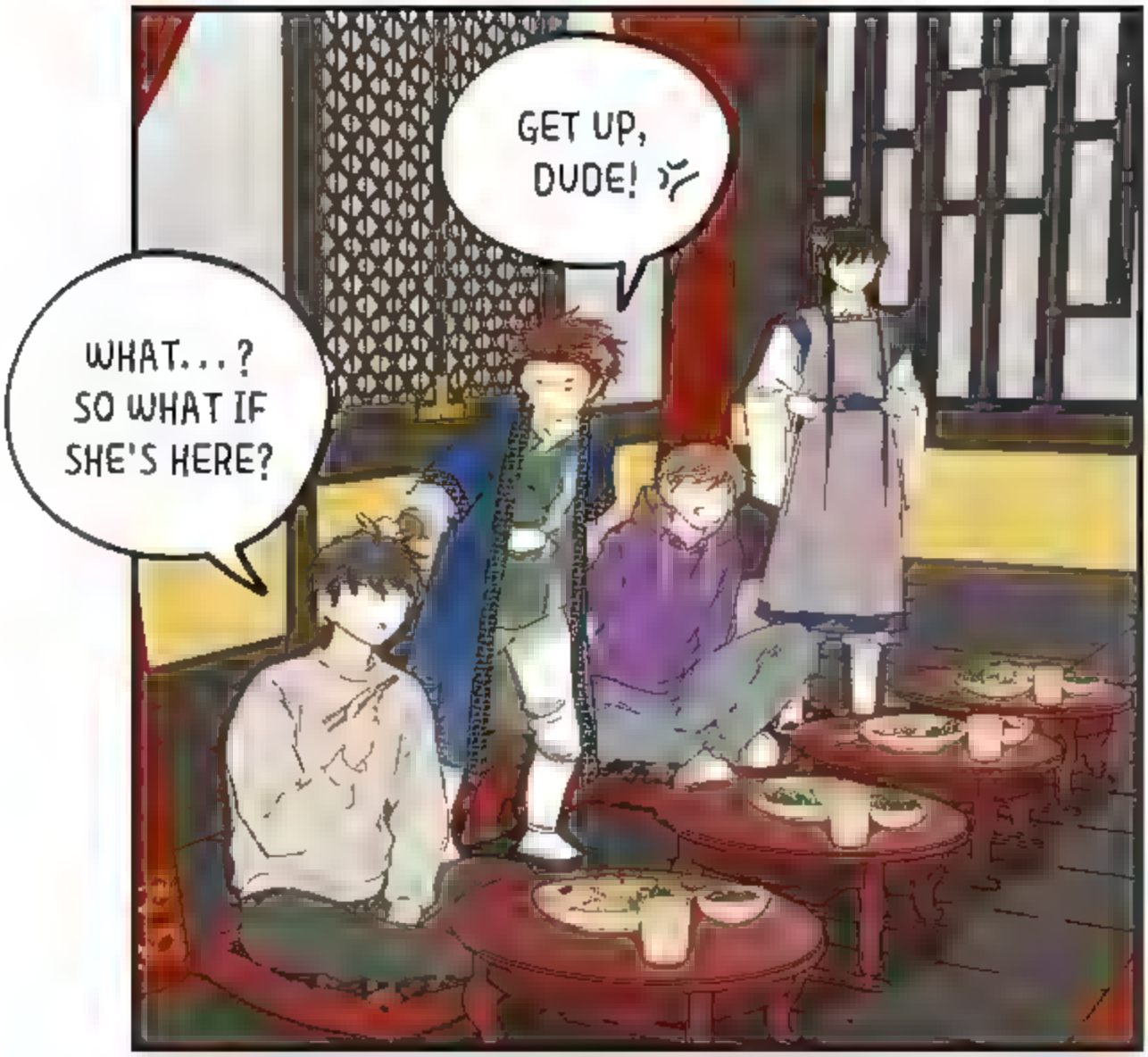
SERVANTS OF DRAGONS AND DRAGON KINGS...

THE SOUTHERN DRAGON KING MAY HAVE AUTHORITY,

BUT HOW COULD SHE JUST COPY CHEONRYONG'S SERVANTS' CLOTHES...?

AH...!
THEY REALLY ARE SIMILAR...
SO THE SOUTHERN KING DISRESPECTS HER SUPERIORS, SHE'S VIOLENT AND STRONG, AND SHE'S THE AMBITIOUS TYPE, TO BOOT...
AMBITIOUS TYPE...?
I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS SITUATION

NOW...


GET UP, DUDE!
WHAT...? SO WHAT IF SHE'S HERE?

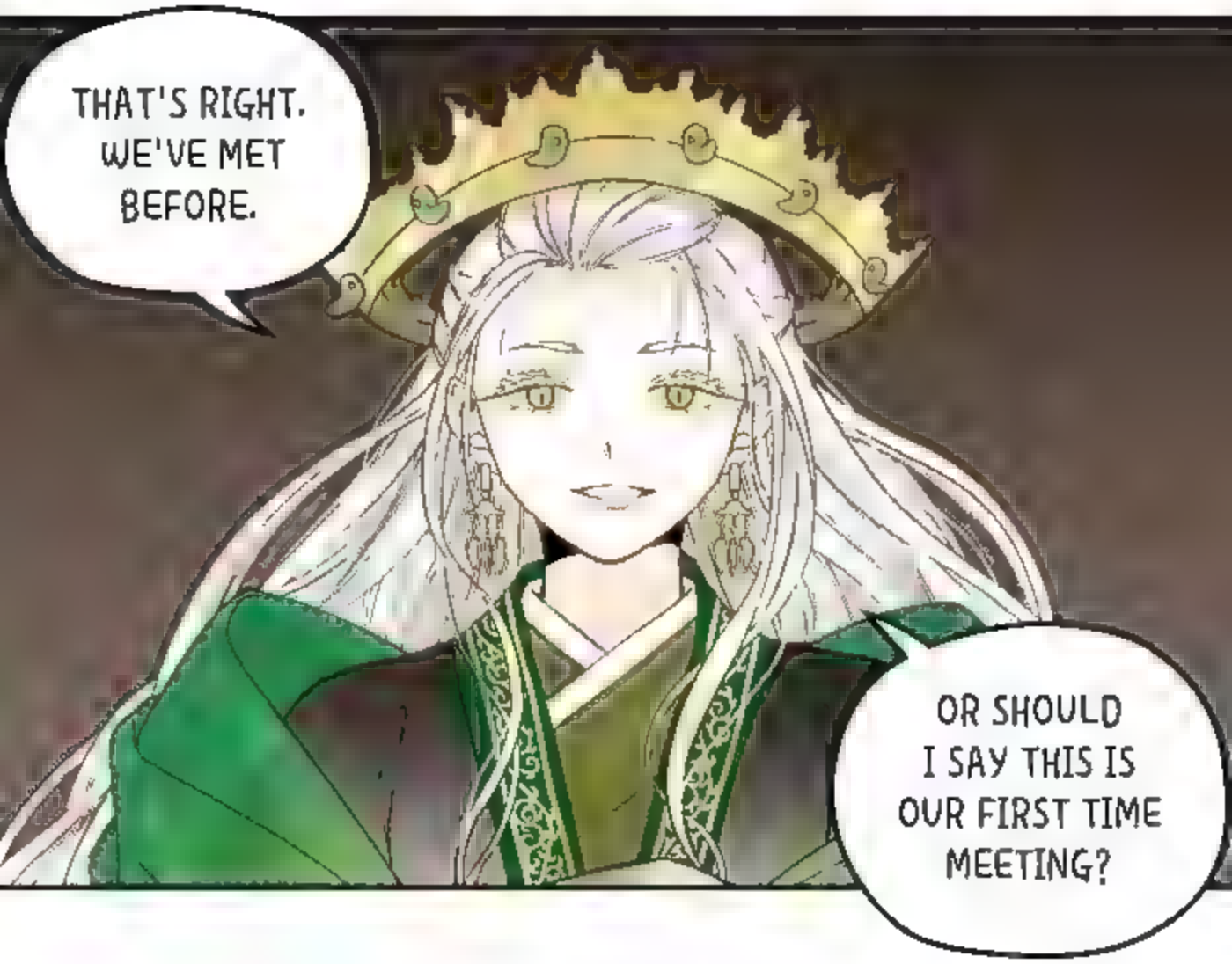
OH...
THIS PERSON

IS...

STEP
STEP

I'M SURE YOUR JOURNEY HERE...
STEP

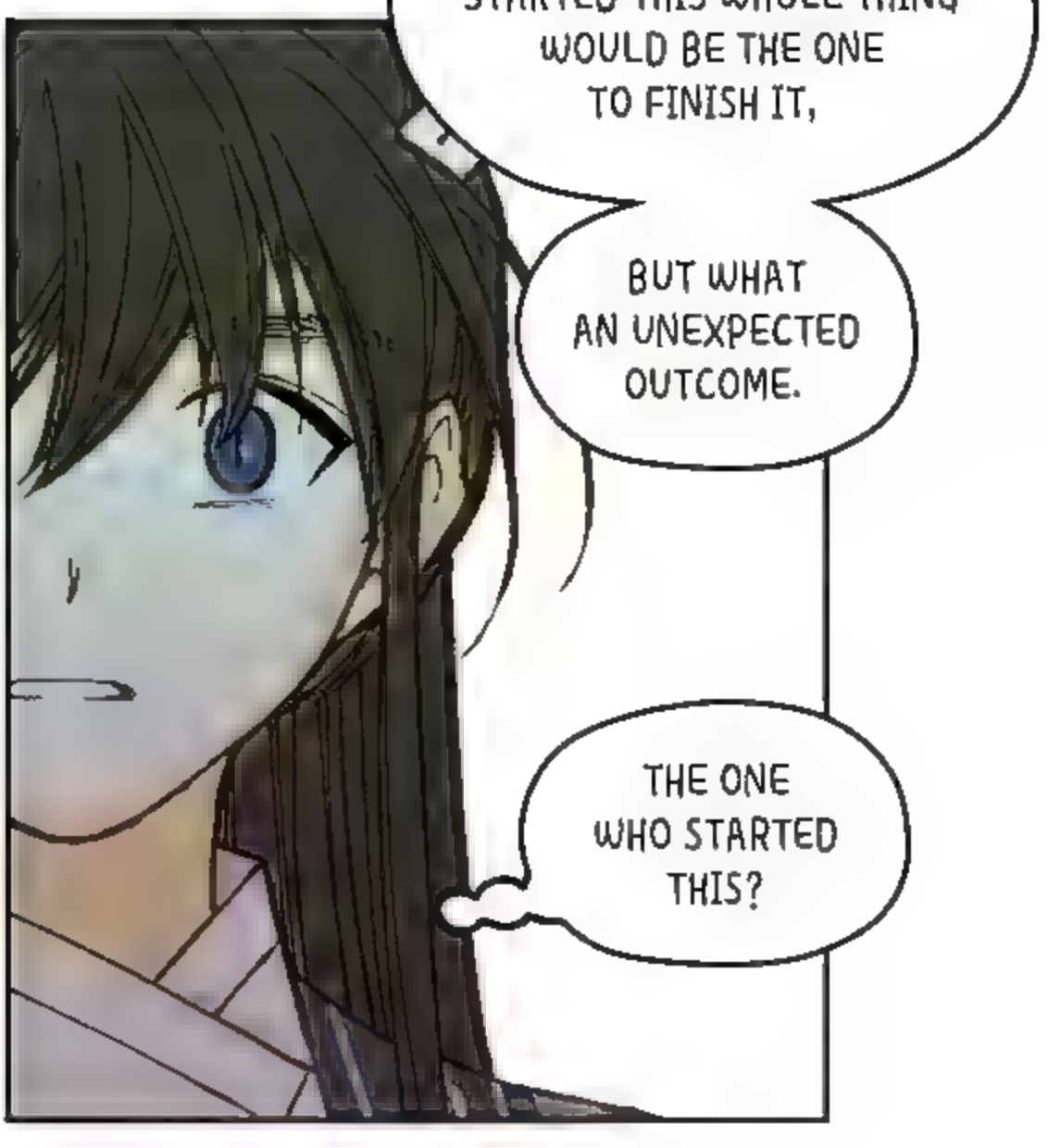
STEP
...WAS ARDUOUS.
THE SOUTHERN DRAGON KING.


THAT'S RIGHT. WE'VE MET BEFORE.
OR SHOULD I SAY THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME MEETING?

THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME SEEING EACH OTHER IN PERSON, AFTER ALL.
HUH? I WAS SCARED BECAUSE I HEARD SHE WAS

CRUEL...

...BUT SHE JUST LOOKS LIKE SHE'S HK AND YULIA'S AGE.

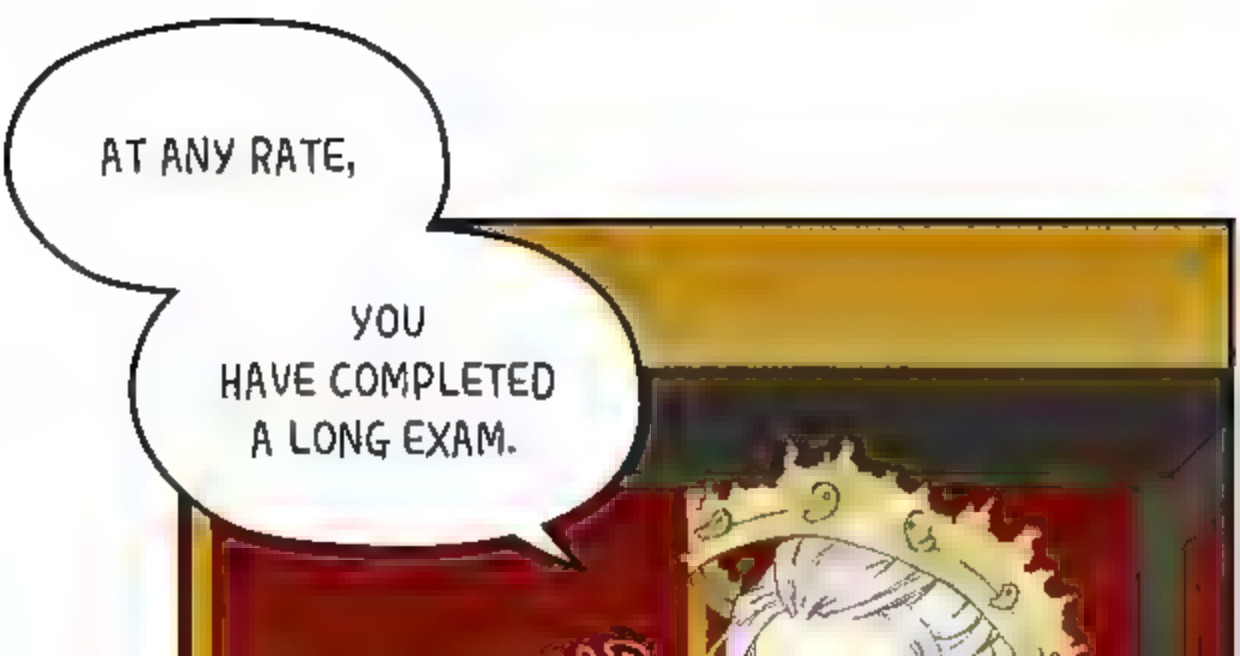


I THOUGHT THAT THE ONE WHO STARTED THIS WHOLE THING WOULD BE THE ONE TO FINISH IT,

BUT WHAT AN UNEXPECTED OUTCOME.

THE ONE WHO STARTED THIS?

EVEN THE IMOOGI CHEONRYONG SO FAVORED...
HAHA
...WAS ONLY CAPABLE OF SO MUCH.
CHEONRYONG'S TASTE REALLY IS SOMETHING...

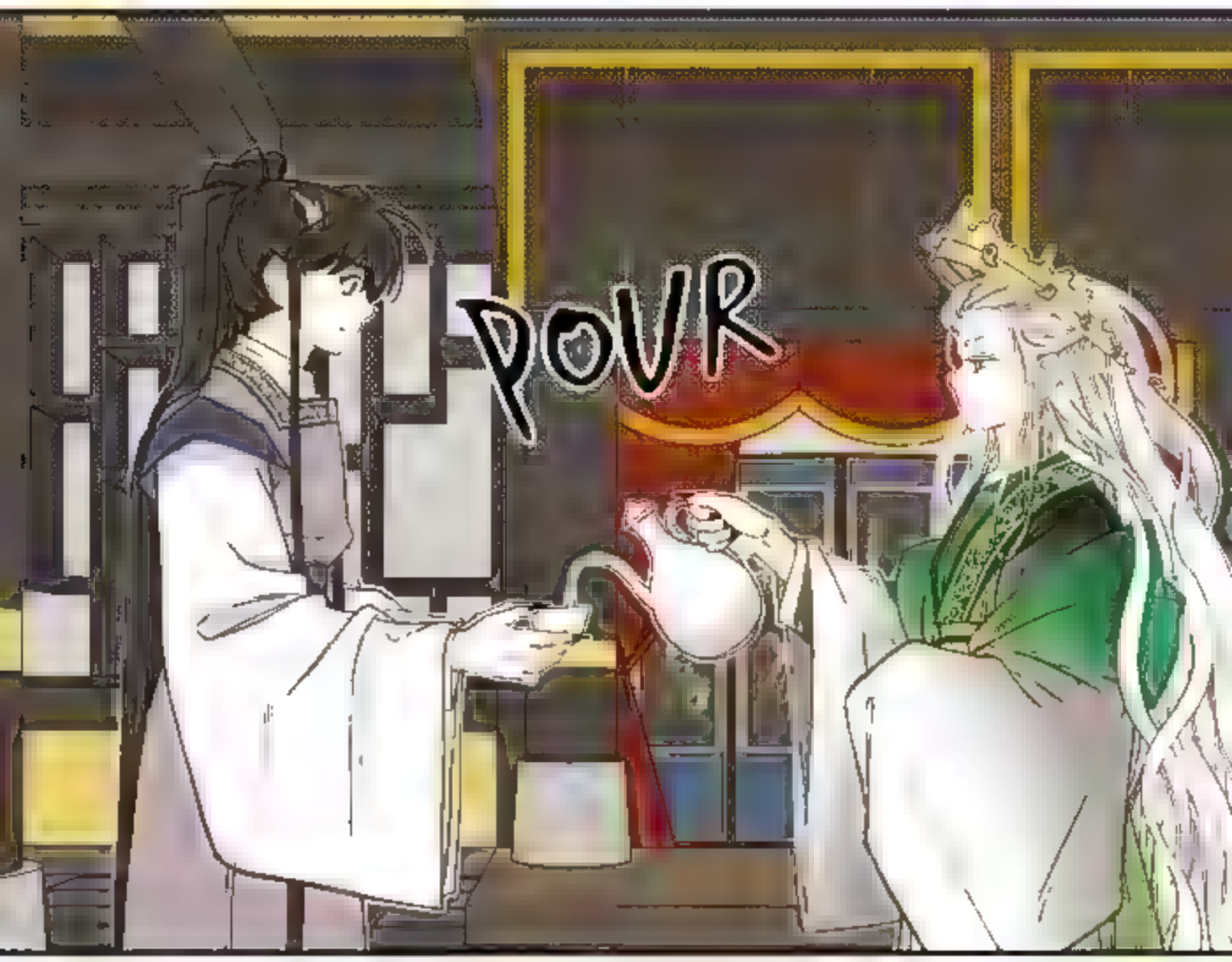

AT ANY RATE,
YOU HAVE COMPLETED A LONG EXAM.

I THOUGHT IT ONLY RIGHT TO CONGRATULATE YOU, SO I HAVE PREPARED SOME DRINKS.

A FINALIST HAS BEEN CHOSEN...

...SO NATURALLY, I SHOULD POUR YOU A CELEBRATORY DRINK.

AH... YES!
THANK YOU...


POUR

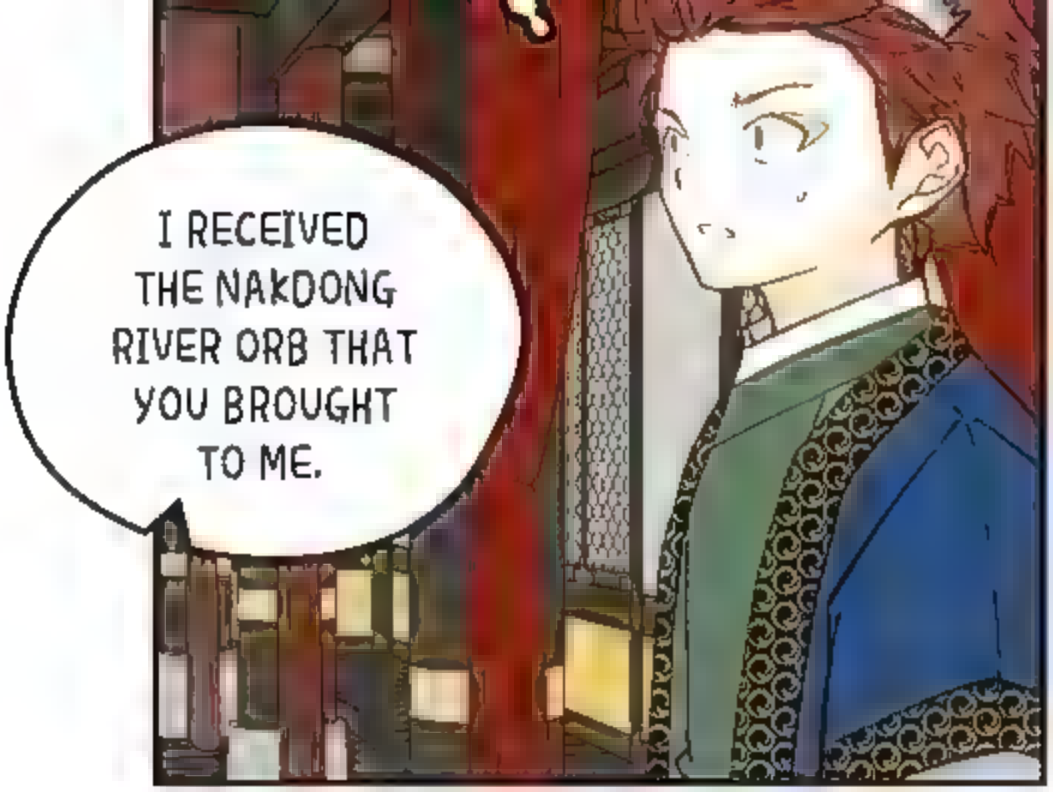
WAIT.
U

FREEZE

YES...?
I BOTTLED THIS LIQUOR MYSELF...
...BUT IT IS MISSING ONE FINAL INGREDIENT.

A CELEBRATORY DRINK FOR THE NAKDONG RIVER DRAGON...
FWSHH
...SHOULD BE OF PROPER QUALITY.

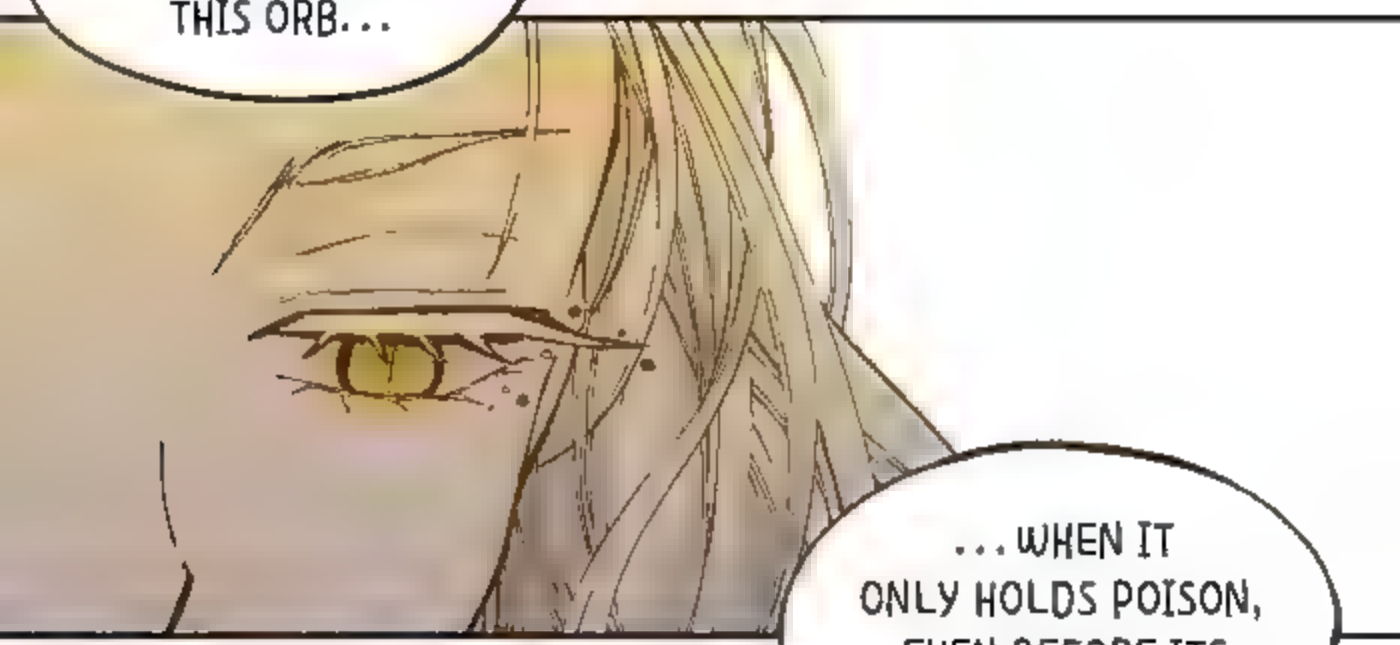
THAT'S THE ORB WE PUT ON THE PEDESTAL...


I RECEIVED THE NAKDONG RIVER ORB THAT YOU BROUGHT TO ME.

I WAS SURPRISED THAT THE TAEBAEK MOUNTAIN SPIRIT FOOLED ME...
...BUT EVEN MORE SURPRISED THAT YOU CUT OFF HIS HAIR.
HAHA

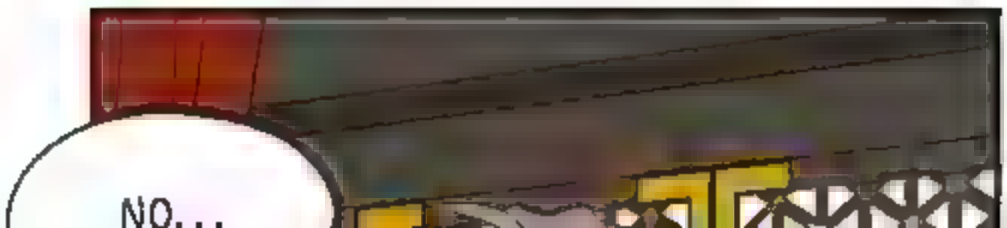
I HAD SUCH A LAUGH.

HOWEVER... WHAT GOOD IS THIS ORB...



...WHEN IT ONLY HOLDS POISON, EVEN BEFORE ITS OWNER?

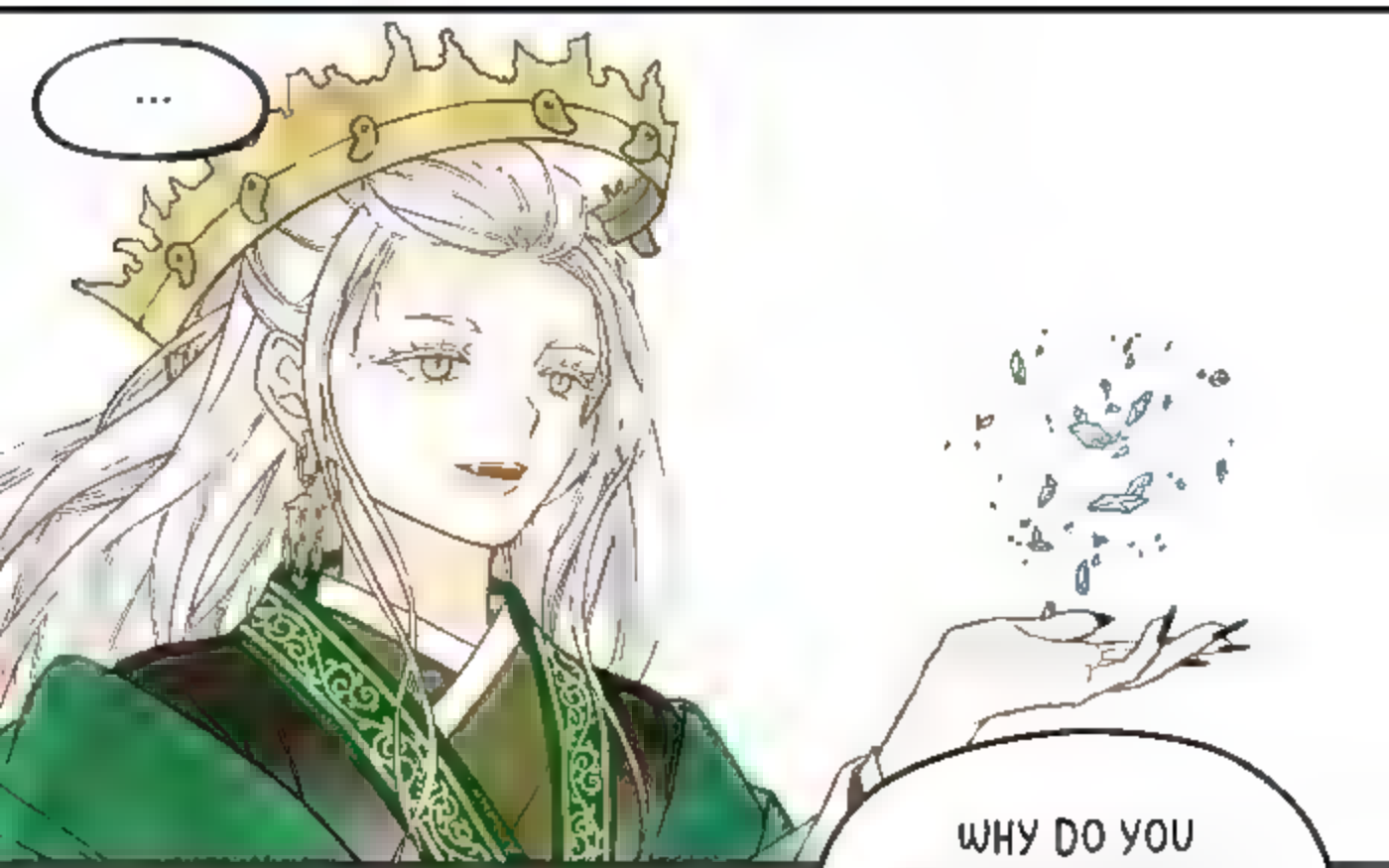
IT IS SIMPLY...
KRUSH
...GARBAGE.


NO...

THE ORB...

I-IF YOU WERE JUST GOING TO DESTROY IT...
...WHY DID YOU SET RETRIEVING THE ORB AS THE

TASK?


...
WHY DO YOU THINK THE NAKDONG RIVER DRAGON DIED?

BECAUSE OF THE POLLUTION?
TWIRL

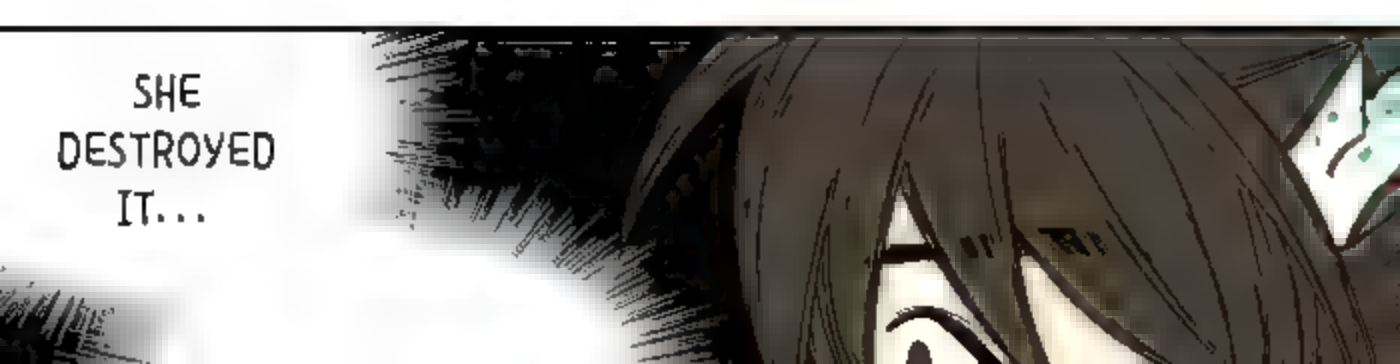
NO. IT WAS BECAUSE HE COULD NOT BE DECISIVE.

ALL HE HAD TO DO WAS CUT OFF AN ARM...

...BUT HE LOST HIS LIFE BECAUSE OF HIS INDECISIVENESS.

WE WENT THROUGH THE TROUBLE OF HOSTING AN EXAM AND FINDING THE NEXT DRAGON...
CLENCH
...SO WE CAN'T HAVE THAT HAPPEN AGAIN, CAN WE?

CRUMBLE


SHE
DESTROYED
IT...

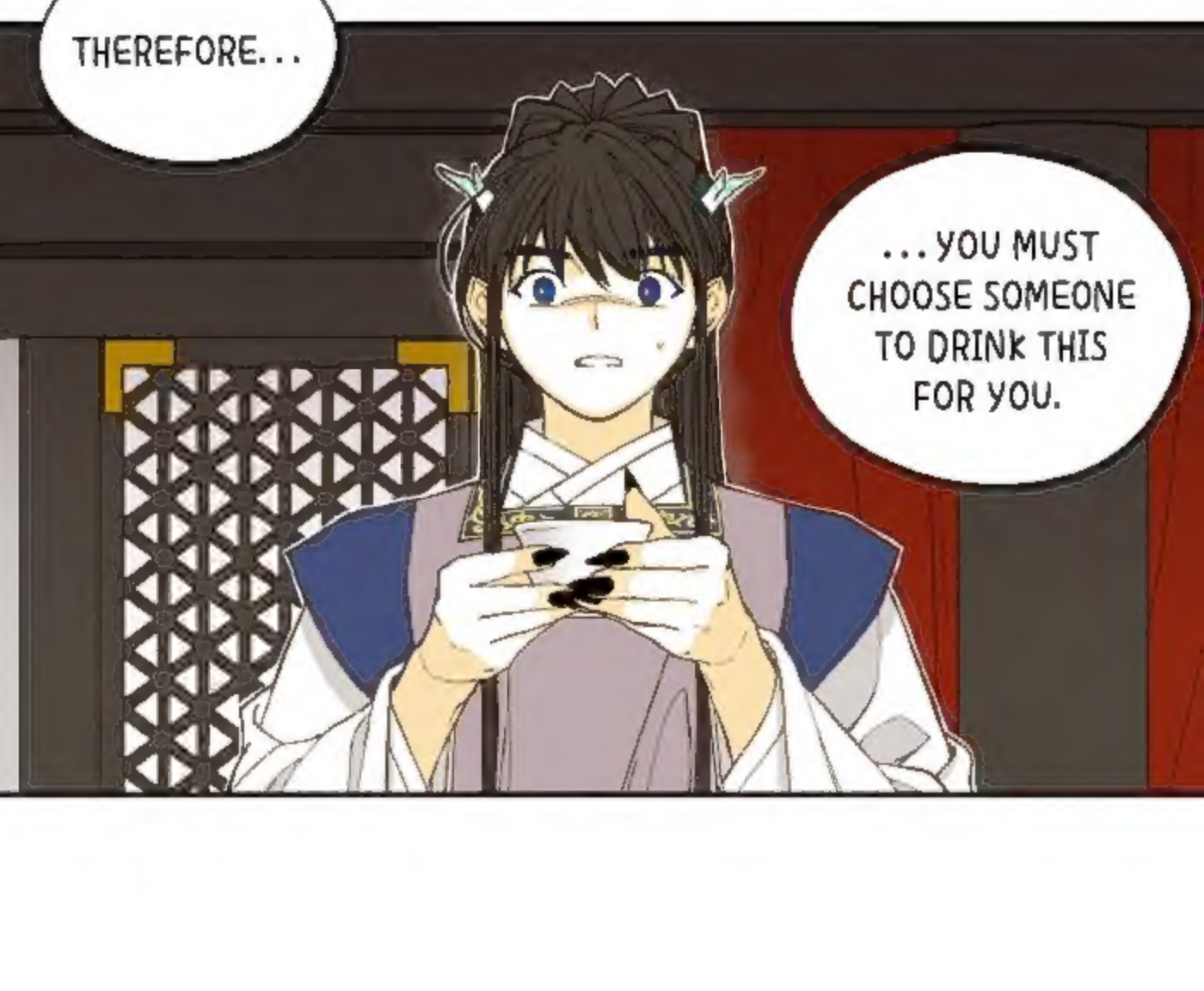
IN A SINGLE INSTANT...

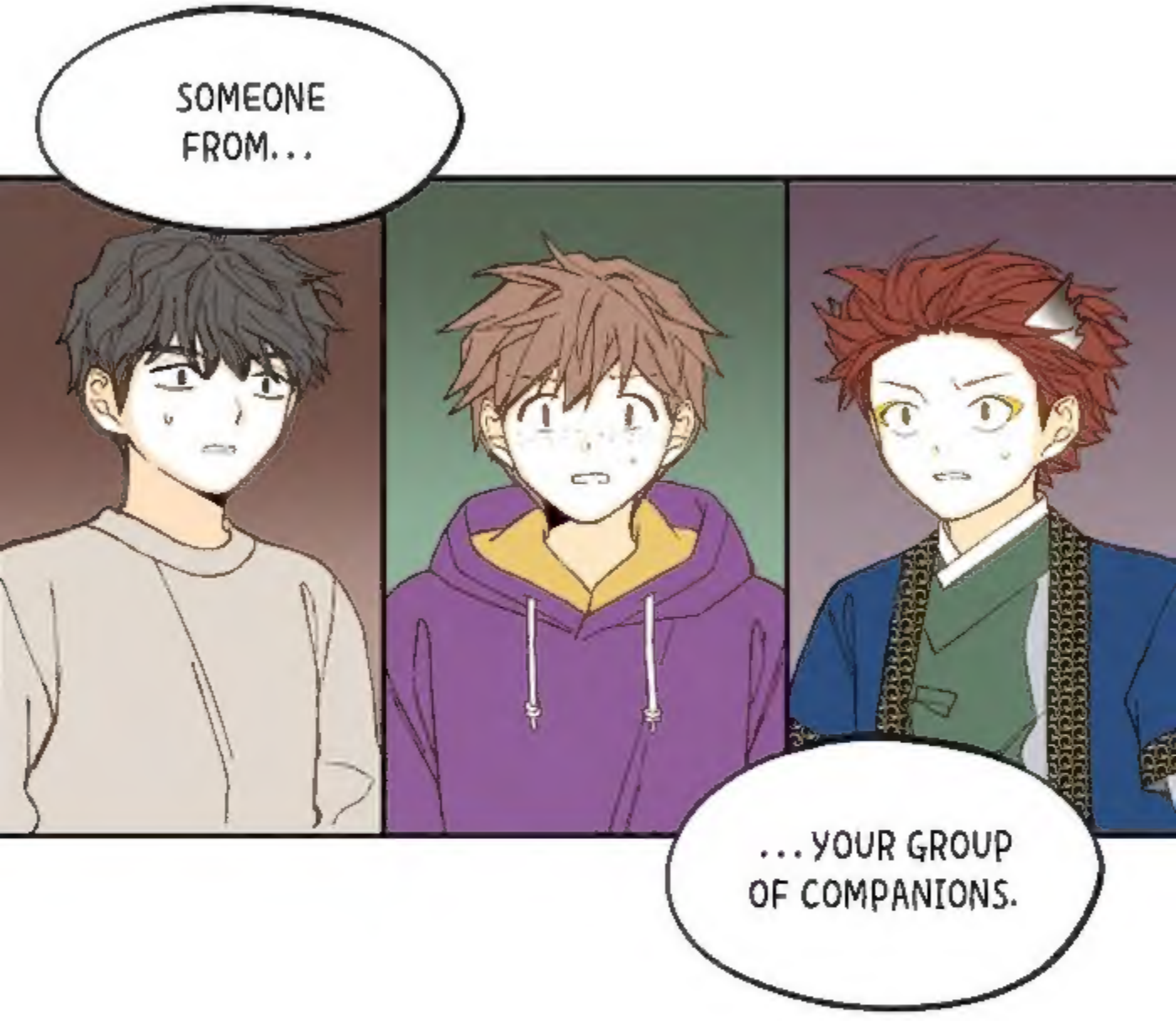
THIS IS...

...YOUR TRUE FINAL EXAM.

THIS IS
ALSO WHY...
...I TOLD YOU
TO BRING ME THE
NAKDONG RIVER
ORB.
YOU ARE
NOW A NOBLE BEING
WHO WILL RULE
A RIVER.

YOU MUST BE CAREFUL.


THEREFORE...
...YOU MUST CHOOSE SOMEONE TO DRINK THIS FOR YOU.



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